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No one knows where they were headed for certain. That site seems to have been included in the AP story, but there is no way to confirm/deny it. And that was another reason that the LEPC reached out to me.

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Carol,

Do we know for certain the chemicals went to the Windber site? The article states, "It's unclear where the chemicals are heading". Rosebud's Windber plant is mentioned in the article as 1 of 5 coal washing plants in PA for the company, but it doesn't specifically say the chemicals are being transported there, unless I'm missing something.

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UPDATE: Chemicals in W.Va. spill may come to Windber

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JOHNSTOWN — Thousands of gallons of the chemical that spilled into 300,000 people's water supply are leaving West Virginia and may be headed to Windber.

Freedom Industries expected to move 3,500 gallons of crude MCHM from its Nitro facility to a coal washing facility in Pennsylvania on today.

Freedom expects to move more chemicals in upcoming weeks. It's unclear where the chemicals are heading. Freedom's parent company is owned by J. Clifford Forrest, who runs Kittanning-based Rosebud Mining Co.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection spokesman John Poister said the chemical is used routinely in coal washing plants and is not regulated as a hazardous substance. It is regulated under the DEP container regulations, which are quite stringent, Poister said.

Rosebud's Windber operation includes one of the company's five coal washing facilities in southwestern Pennsylvania, Poister said.

The chemical is used in a closed-system froth flotation process that separates valuable minerals, Poister said.

For more on this story, see Thursday's editions of The Tribune-Democrat.